Financial assistance to North-Eastern Region for Development of Tourism

136. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Plans formulated by Government for development of tourism sector in North-Eastem Region;

(b) the State-wise details of financial assistance granted by Government during the last three years; and

(c) the latest status of the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Development of tourism in the States/UTs is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Adminsitrations. However, Department of Tourism, Government of India provides Centra) Financial Assistance every year to the State Governments/UT Administrations for the projects identified in consultation with them for the development and promotion of tourism.

(b) During the last three years, 276 projects amounting to Rs. 60.41 crores were sanctioned and an amount of Rs. 27.95 crores was released. A Statement showing the details is annexed. *(See* below)

(c) The completion of projects is the responsibility of State Governments/UT Administrations. The Department of Tourism, Government of India from time to time advise them to complete the projects expeditously so as to improve the rafrastructural facilities in respective States.

Statement

Details of projects sanctioned, amount sanctioned and released to North Eastern Region including Sikkim during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	State	1998-99			1999-2000			2000-2001		
		No. of projects sancd.	Amt. sancd.	Amt. Released	No. of Projects sancd.	Amt. Sancd.	Amt. Released	No. of projects sancd.	Amt. sancd.	Amt. Released
1	Assam	15	457.95	190.93	17	357.35	92.76	12	298.35	125.02
2	Arunachal Pradesh	6	216.32	65.55	11	239.28	102.18	6	49.78	17.50
3	Manipur	8	140.49	41.40	10	229.00	70.10	18	782.77	235.42
4	Meghalaya	5	120.48	37.50	6	80.72	20.26	5	105.59	3610
5	Mizoram	8	203.34	148.98	13	297.23	235.08	13	309.19	208.66
6	Nagaland	11	230.54	141.29	16	303.30	229.65	7	145.03	42.84
7	Sikkim	15	136.03	72.04	12	118.98	48.57	33	376.49	172.32
8	Tripura	9	169.21	121.25	7	340.76	187.80	13	333.23	151.55
	Total:	77	1674.36	818.94	92	1966.62	986.40	107	2400.43	989.41